



August - September

# City News

## City Manager News: National Night Out & Project Updates!

Thank you to all our first responders, City Staff, local community partners, and numerous volunteers who worked together for the hugely successful 3rd annual National Night Out Event. We had a great turnout and the dunk tank raised \$477 for the K-9 Program!

### Railroad

Thank you to everyone who has reached out to ODOT regarding repairs to the railroad crossing in Willamina. Your work initiated an onsite visit from ODOT. They joined Mayor Ila Skyberg, Public Works Director Jeff Brown, Community Support Officer Mardette Cook, Hampton Lumber Plant Manager Brad Blackwell, and Community Member Tom Coblentz, one of our residents who consistently attempts to navigate the difficult terrain while visiting businesses within our downtown area.

The following message was received from our ODOT Representative Jenna Burman,

*“Thanks so much for taking the time to reach out. I did have a great meeting with several city staff, an ODOT maintenance person, and a Willamina citizen who navigates this area. With their input, I am working on both a short-term and long-term plan to address this area of concern.*

*Short-term, we plan to use some bicycle and pedestrian funding (most of the complaints so far are from people trying to walk or roll along the sidewalks) to grind and fill in some gaps. That should provide improvements for a few years while we compile the funding for a fix that will last for decades. The long-term fix will require extensive coordination with the rail owners and operators. So we are beginning to work on this as well as the short term fix.*

*Thanks again for reaching out and I plan to continue to communicate with the City Manager.”*

City Staff will continue to be the conduit between the community and appropriate agencies to assist with repairs for not only the sidewalks but the roadway as well.

When situations like this arise and something needs repaired that is outside of the City’s jurisdiction it is imperative that we all work together to have our voices heard. YOU did that – thank you so much for all of your efforts, messages are being heard and together we are making strides towards positive progression.

### 2023 Small City Allotment Grant

We have an amazing team that assists the City of Willamina in applying and administering a majority of the grants obtained for our large projects. The 2023 Small City Allotment Grant was just accepted for review. With the assistance of these outside agencies, the City applied for approximately \$500,000 to make needed repairs to sections of SW Hill Drive up to the intersection of Hill and Cherry Street. This application also includes requests for funding to make improvements to ADA curb ramps located at the NE Oaken Hills Drive intersections with NE 3rd St and NE 4th Pl.

NEXT STEPS: Site evaluations will be conducted between now and September 30th, award announcements will be made mid-October and then we will start writing the agreements with the goal of them being executed early January 2024.

### Water Intake Project Update

Construction continues at the water intake site on Willamina Creek and also off of Oaken Hills Drive. The team is working on four large information boards that will provide communication about the projects for Community members.

### Oaken Hills Pump Track Update

The new restrooms are three-quarters of the way completed and we are awaiting confirmation of construction timelines to share with citizens.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

**Margaret Mead**

# A plan to reduce pollutants in Willamina waterways

The State of Oregon has required that cities put a clean water plan into place. A part of that plan is establishing a Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL). A TMDL identifies the sources of pollution to our waterways and establishes ways to minimize those pollutants. As a part of the clean water plan, the City of Willamina is focusing on stormwater drainage and where the pollutants come from that enter Willamina Creek and the South Yamhill River.



Stormwater pollution begins when rain or snowmelt washes over pavement and other impervious services, picking up contaminants and litter, and flows down storm drains to the waterways we rely on for drinking, recreation, and fishing.

To find more information about the City of Willamina TMDL Plan visit our website at [www.willaminaoregon.gov](http://www.willaminaoregon.gov)



## City Council

Regular City Council Meetings are scheduled the second Tuesday 6:00 PM:

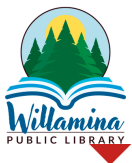
September 12, 2023  
October 10, 2023

Public Input: Presentations not scheduled on the Agenda are limited to three (3) minutes. Longer presentations should be submitted to the City Recorder prior to the meeting.

Meetings are held hybrid:

In person at the West Valley Fire Station, 825 NE Main Street, Willamina

via Zoom: a link is posted to the website prior to the Meeting at <https://www.willaminaoregon.gov/important-notice>.



### LIBRARY

Visit us:  
[www.willaminaoregon.gov/library](http://www.willaminaoregon.gov/library)  
Events:  
[willaminaoregon.gov/programs\\_events](http://willaminaoregon.gov/programs_events)

City of Willamina

### Library Advisory Board

Serving our community.  
Board Meetings - Public Invited  
3rd Tuesdays, 6 PM,  
September thru June  
[www.willaminaoregon.gov/library\\_board](http://www.willaminaoregon.gov/library_board)



Tyler Crook, Board Chair  
Jennifer Eckels, Co-Chair  
Kepola Napoleon, Fundraising Committee Chair  
Tracy Dillon, CCRLS Rural Ley Member  
Emily Sims  
Katherine Ljungqvist  
Robyn Onstot, Willamina School District  
Vickie Hernandez, City Council Liaison  
Sarah Frost, Library Director  
Krystal Stevens, Deputy City Recorder

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

*Love our Library*

OCTOBER 8,  
2PM

Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER 10-11

Art Tour Fundraiser

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: JOIN OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Be a part of StoryTime, Playgroups, Homeschool Hub, youth STEAM programs, family events, and more!

Recruitment Meeting: Saturday, August 26th, 10 AM

Contact Sarah Frost for additional information  
[frosts@ci.willamina.or.us](mailto:frosts@ci.willamina.or.us)

### CALENDAR:

Check our website regularly for meeting changes and important notices

- September 12 6pm City Council Regular Meeting
- September 19 6pm Willamina Library Board Meeting
- September 26 6pm Planning Commission Meeting
- Wednesdays 8am Chamber of Commerce Meetings
- Wednesdays 4pm Civic Club Food Pantry Distribution
- Saturdays 1pm Willamina's Museum of History open

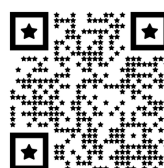
### IMPORTANT DATES

- September 4 City Hall & Library CLOSED
- October 9 City Hall & Library CLOSED
- October 31 Trunk or Treat



South Yamhill River Astronomy Club  
FALL Meetings are returning:  
3rd Saturday September-December  
6:00 PM at Willamina Library

Join us for our planning meeting Sept 16 when we discuss monthly themes and upcoming astronomy events.  
[frosts@ci.willamina.or.us](mailto:frosts@ci.willamina.or.us)



Scan the QR code to sign up for our Newsletter

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